

THE GALLANT
DOVENER IS
NOMINATEDRepublican Standard Bearer in the
First Congressional District
by a Large Majority.

IT WAS A VERY WARM AFFAIR.

The Big Fight of the Day on the
Adoption of the Credentials
Committee Report.

IT WAS A TEST OF STRENGTH

Of the Two Candidates, and Showed
Dovener's Success by a Ma-
jority of Over 100.

From a Staff Correspondent.

WESTON, W. Va., June 6.—This afternoon, in this pretty mountain town of Interior West Virginia, Captain Blackburn B. Dovener was for the fifth time nominated for Congress by the

ters turned out his majority was 120, within ten votes of the strength the Dovener lieutenants claimed to the Intelligence a few days since.

Just as the convention was balloting some of Judge Campbell's Marshall county friends went to his hotel and informed him that a speech was desired from him before the convention. The judge came to the hall and took a seat on the stage, his friends giving him a fine reception, but he soon learned that they had misrepresented matters. A story is in circulation that the judge was told he was about to be nominated; if this is true it was a cruel thing to perpetrate, and will receive universal condemnation.

A prominent figure in the convention town to-day was Hon. James K. Hall, the First district's candidate for auditor on the state ticket. He occupied headquarters at the Camden, where he received hundreds of his friends, and was the recipient of the most flattering assurances of support from every county in the First district. He expressed himself grateful for the surprising solidity and enthusiasm that his presence developed, and feels more confident than ever before that he will win the nomination. As he sees it, with the First district nearly solid, he has the nomination. Two other aspirants for the auditorial nomination were here in the persons of Auditor LaFollette and Senator Getzendanner.

The congressional special, provided by Congressman Dovener, departed at

THE BOSSES
AND BOODLE
WIN OUTAt Parkersburg in the Nomination
of Judge Holt, of Huntington,
for Governor on First Ballot.

TAVENNER HAD LITTLE SHOW

Against the Strong Combination of
Trusts and Corporations Who
Backed Cabell County Man.

BRYAN AND 16 TO 1 ENDORSED

How Chairman Edmiston Turned
Down Ex-Gov. MacCorkle for the
Temporary Chairmanship.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., June 6.—The carrying capacity of all trains on the different railroads running into this city was increased last night and this morning by the addition of several cars, all of which were filled to the limit, with either delegates to the convention or friends of the numerous candidates. About 10 o'clock this morning the throng began making its way to the great wigwam, those who had passed a restful night, walking to enjoy the ideal morning, and the members of the state executive committee and other leaders, heavy-eyed and wan, riding either on the electric cars or in carriages, the former, however, not being overburdened with passengers.

A rather unique feature occurred about midnight, when each gubernatorial candidate was interviewed at his headquarters and every one of them declared that they would be the lucky man. Holt's claim was based upon the promises he had stated that he had of the votes of 255 delegates. Tavenner insisted that he could not be beaten because of the instructed delegations. Flournoy depended on the bitterness of the contest between the two leaders to increase his alleged 200 supporters to the number required to nominate, and Lewis virtually based his claim upon the same reason as Flournoy. The confusion over the repeated changes in the selection of temporary presiding officers created much discussion, and but few of those not on the inner circle knew until the convention was called to order by Chairman Edmiston who would preside over its preliminary deliberation. The wigwam itself was a picture, the decorations being tasteful and profuse, conspicuous among which was a large picture of Bryan, hanging over the center of the platform, underneath which the speeches were made.

Opening Session.

At precisely 12:15 p. m., Mr. Edmiston called the gathering to order and named Hon. Henry G. Davis, as temporary chairman, and R. E. Horner as temporary secretary. Mr. Edmiston announced that Rev. H. G. Henderson, of the Methodist church south, would offer prayer. At the close of the invocation Mr. Edmiston named Hon. Henry G. Davis, as temporary chairman, and the latter after making a spirited but brief address, announced R. E. Horner as temporary secretary. Captain McNeel, sergeant-at-arms, and James D. Mehen, as door-keeper. After the appointment of the usual committees, the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock.

During the recess it developed that the deal to make MacCorkle permanent chairman was off, because he would not accept the position unless he was the unanimous choice of the committee. It was also reported that serious trouble was brewing between the ex-governor and several leaders. Although ex-Senator Davis attempted to call the afternoon session to order at 3 o'clock sharp it was fully 3:30 o'clock before the delegates were seated for the reason that nearly a thousand outsiders had crowded themselves into seats in the delegations and refused to give up their seats. When order was secured the committee on permanent organization submitted its report, naming Hon. Owen S. McKinney, of Fairmont, as chairman, and Will A. Strickler, of Ritchie county, as secretary. While the committee were doing their work ex-Governor MacCorkle was invited to address the convention, which he did in a speech of nearly an hour's duration, in which he "roasted" the state administration in a vigorous manner, and bitterly attacked Governor Atkinson.

Bryan Endorsed.

The resolutions endorsed the Chicago platform of '94, pledged the support of the convention to the candidacy of William J. Bryan, for the presidency, denounced McKinley's administration, imperialism, expansion, trusts, etc., etc. They were very long and as strong as long. After their adoption the convention adjourned until this evening. On reassembling at 7 o'clock the nominating speeches began by Stuart W. Walker nominating Lewis N. Tavenner, of Wood, the nomination being seconded by Senator Kidd, of Gilmer.

Hon. J. W. St. Clair, placed John H. Holt, of Cabell, in nomination. W. O. Parsons, did the same honor for Virgil Lewis, of Jackson, and General C. C. Watts performed the same service for Samuel D. Flournoy, of Kanawha. Tavenner had the shouters and the crowd seemed prepared to stampede to him, when the balloting began. The convention hall was crowded to its utmost limits and hundreds of persons surrounded the building listening to the speeches and waiting for the balloting.

Holt Nominated.

After the nominating speeches were concluded and the convention had recovered from the flights of eloquence,

the chairman announced that balloting would begin. From the start it looked like a Holt victory, although the Tavenner people had the shouters and the shouters. The noise was so intense that for several minutes it was impossible to hear the call of the first county. By 7 o'clock the enthusiasm became less fervid, and when the roll call was ended it looked very much like Tavenner had the call. By the calculation of spectators the vote stood 412 for Tavenner, 357 for Holt, and the other votes divided between Flournoy and Lewis. Before the vote was announced Mason attempted to change its vote to Holt and several other counties followed suit, but Chairman McKinney would not entertain the propositions and ruled that the counties must be called alphabetically for the changes. The battle was intense and the result was close, but Holt won out in the recount, receiving 496 votes or twenty-four more than necessary for nomination. Mr. Holt was called to the stand and made a short speech. The convention then adjourned until 10 o'clock in the morning. J. H. S.

M'CORKLE TURNED DOWN.

By Chairman "Andy" Edmiston for
Affronts Given Many Years Ago
By the Governor.Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.
PARKERSBURG, W. Va., June 6.—That was a cruel and relentless shot that "Andy" Edmiston fired at ex-Governor MacCorkle before the assembling of the Democratic state convention. The Fairmont Republican convention made Governor Atkinson chairman and he delivered a powerful speech for the party, a defense and eulogy of his own administration and an ugly and damaging arraignment of the last Democratic administration, of which MacCorkle was the head. MacCorkle smarted under the arraignment and prepared a reply which he expected to make as temporary chairman of the convention. But "Andy" was once president of the board of insane asylum directors at Weston, while MacCorkle was governor, and the chief executive found it necessary at one time to displace him in the interest of public safety and political decency. "Andy" had not forgotten the little episode and when it was suggested that the last Democratic governor be permitted to defend his administration as temporary chairman of the convention, the Weston Nemesis got his revenge. He declared that as chairman of the state committee and delegated with the duty of calling the convention to order and announcing the chairman, the name of MacCorkle would never be uttered by him. All other members of the committee were for MacCorkle except one.

How MacCorkle Wanted It.

MacCorkle said that he wouldn't accept the temporary chairmanship unless it came to him on a silver platter; that in that all members of the committee should vote for him.

Edmiston saw in this an opportunity to get back at his old enemy, and he put diplomacy to the winds and proceeded to stiffen his vertebrae and kick. MacCorkle simply wouldn't have it. Henry G. Davis wanted it. So that the Democratic state convention of 1900 opened and proceeded with not a solitary word of comfort or defense for the last administration of Democracy. It was a sorry, sad spectacle. Mr. Davis, the chairman, never once mentioned state politics, and his address, which was a halting, stammering attempt to explain why the Democratic party afforded an asylum for the negative elements of the nation.

If the Democratic party in West Virginia can afford to enter a campaign with this sort of an arrangement, certainly the Republicans can have nothing to fear. J. H. S.

SIGNIFICANT PRAYER

In Opening Democratic State Convention, Which Caused Smiles and Frowns From Different Factions.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.
PARKERSBURG, W. Va., June 6.—When the Reverend H. G. Henderson, who made a fervent prayer at the opening of the convention to-day, invoked the aid of the Creator to make the days of the demagogue short, and asked that brains might take the place of boodle, there was an intimation of consternation in the McGraw-Chilton camp and a smile spread over the faces of those who are enlisted under the banner of Tavenner. Whether the distinguished representative of the Methodist church meant to refer to this peculiar combination, or whether it was a break that was made without malice or forethought is not known, but the friends of Holt will always believe it was a slap at their candidate.

Boodle Behind Holt.

Ever since the gathering of the Democratic hosts, it has been generally known that "boodle" has been behind Mr. Holt, and where the brales have been located has been a matter of debate. The Holt supporters come from the moneyed element and the corporate influences. Every trust, railroad and large combine in the state has stood out boldly for the nomination of Holt, and as William Jennings Bryan would say, the "plain people," are carrying the banner for Tavenner.

A Curious Combination.

It seems strange, nevertheless it is a fact, the Chilton crowd from Kanawha and John T. McGraw are hobnobbing together and are working in close alliance for the nomination of Holt. The former were originally for Tavenner, but when they found that the combinations, trusts and railroads favored Holt, they fell in line with their old time enemy McGraw, and the breach was patched up. The knowing ones say that Holt has promised the secretary of state's office to Will Chilton.

Tavenner's Supporters.

There can be no question of the feeling of the "common" people for Tavenner, and his candidacy from start to finish has been supported by that ele-

ment. But in the game of politics, the "common" people have but little show with the bosses who control the machine, and for that reason, Mr. Tavenner will not be the nominee for governor on the Democratic ticket.

J. H. S.

THE NOMINEE.

Sketch of John H. Holt, Who Was
Nominated for Governor by the
Democrats Last Night.

John H. Holt was born thirty-nine years ago at Sutton, Braxton county, this state. He is the son of the late Judge Homer A. Holt, who was circuit judge for seventeen years, and who was appointed to the supreme bench of the state to fill the unexpired term of Judge Snyder.

John Holt was educated in the common schools of Sutton and Lewisburg, Greenbrier county, to which place his father moved in 1873.

He was sent to the University of Virginia, at which place he was graduated in classical and law departments.

After completing his course, he moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he started in the practice of his profession, but not being satisfied with his location, he returned to the hills of West Virginia, and soon after took a post-graduate course at Yale, taking the highest honors of his class. Mr. Holt then removed to Wheeling, where he built up a great law practice in the six years that he resided there. From there he went to Huntington, where he has since resided.

In 1896 he was nominated by the Democrats for the office of supreme judge, and with the entire ticket went down to defeat.

In 1887 Mr. Holt was married to Miss Effie Ewing, daughter of Hon. J. Dallas Ewing, of Wheeling, to whom there have been born four children, three daughters and one son.

Mr. Holt has been successful as an attorney, and while not being what is known as a spell-binder in speech, he is an earnest, logical advocate, who appears at his best before a judicial body.

He is the attorney for many large corporations and railroads, and is classed among the leading corporate lawyers in the state.

GOT IT THROUGH.

Bill Authorizing Fish Hatching Station
in West Virginia Now a Law.
A Close Call.Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6.—By the exercise of skill and a little diplomacy Senator Ekins and Representative Dayton have succeeded in getting through both houses of Congress the bill authorizing the establishment of a fish hatching station in West Virginia. It passed the house to-day, was signed by the President, and is now a law.

The bill appropriates \$25,000 for the plant and places upon Commissioner Bowers the responsibility of selecting a site and carrying out the details. He will at once enter upon the preliminary, although the money will not be available until after July 1. Commissioner Bowers has been very active in advocacy of the measure and this evening he had the pleasure in company with Senator Scott, of carrying the bill to the President, and it was signed in his presence.

First Serious Wreck.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.
KINGWOOD, W. Va., via Rowlesburg, June 6.—Passenger train No. 3, on the West Virginia Northern Railroad, jumped the track yesterday, slightly injuring Mrs. F. C. Todd, Carl Smith and others. This is the first serious wreck this road has ever had.

SECRET UNDERSTANDING

Alleged to Exist Between Kruger
and British Government.

NEW YORK, June 6.—A special to the Tribune from London says: The facility with which Johannesburg and Pretoria have been taken leads many military men to suspect that there has been a secret understanding between President Kruger and the British government by which the war will be brought to an end without unnecessary loss of life and wasteful destruction of property. This theory, while plausible, cannot be proved, since neither President Kruger nor Lord Roberts will admit that there has been any secret intrigue, or that the closing scenes of the war have been prearranged in any sense. The safer generalization is that the Boers have fought gallantly against the resources of a mighty empire, and have been finally overwhelmed by superior numbers and energy, and that Lord Roberts has worked out an intricate problem in the dynamics of war. He has known how much force was needed on the advance line and what kind of force, and how to protect his line of communications most effectively by operations on the eastern flank under General Rundle.

The campaign may now be said to have ended west of the line drawn from Pretoria to Ficksburg. General Hunter's division is reported to have entered Lichtenburg. Lord Methuen will probably turn up at Potchefstroom, and Generals Baden-Powell and Carrington will occupy Zeerust and Rustenburg. The occupation of Pretoria will probably dishearten the Free State forces, and the Bethlehem, Harmerith and Vrede districts will be gradually overrun by General Rundle's forces. The remaining operations of the war will be restricted to the Lydenburg district, to which the forces still holding Laings Nek must retreat through Ermelo.

There are many signs that the struggle will end in the course of a fortnight, and the details of the surrender of Pretoria, communicated by Lord Roberts at midnight, support this view.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

For Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia—Showers and probably thunder storms Thursday; Friday fair and cooler; light southerly, shifting to westerly winds.

Local Temperature.

The temperature yesterday as observed by C. Schnepf, druggist, corner Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows:
7 a. m. 65 3 p. m. 85
9 a. m. 70 7 p. m. 78
12 m. 85. Weather—Change.LIVELY SESSION
OF THE HOUSE
LAST NIGHTOver Coast Survey Item in the Na-
val Appropriation Bill—Con-
ferences Are Discredited.

AND NEW ONES APPOINTED.

The Action of the House Stirs Up
Bitter Controversy With Na-
val Committeemen.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—When the house to-night at 10:30 took a recess until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, the two chambers of the national legislature with heads down and horns locked, were in a desperate struggle over the item in the naval appropriation bill relating to ocean surveys. The final adjournment of Congress is postponed until it is over.

The proceedings in the house during the day were tame and without dramatic incident. This was partly due to the fact that the firm position taken by the house on the armor plate provision transferred the fight to the floor of the senate, and to the obstinate refusal of Mr. Lents, an Ohio Democrat, to permit any unanimous consent legislation until the Republican leaders agreed to allow the testimony in the Couer d'Alene investigation to be printed. Mr. Lents held the house by the throat all day and except for privileged matters, things legislative were at a standstill.

But to-night there was enough excitement to compensate for the dullness of the day session. The house got its dander up over the failure of its conferees to abide by their instructions on the ocean survey item and after an exceedingly sensational debate in which Mr. Cannon, the chairman of the appropriations committee, made some startling disclosures as to the manner in which Commander Todd, the hydrographer of the navy had waged his campaign against the stand taken by the house in favor of the coast geodetic survey doing ocean survey work, the house rejected the conference report by an overwhelming majority and the speaker took the almost unprecedented course of appointing new conferees who are not members of the naval committee.

The debate was one of the bitterest and most heated of the session. Mr. Cannon in the excitement of the moment, took off his collar and neck tie, and with sleeves rolled up aroused the house to a tremendous pitch of enthusiasm as he dealt the conferees sledge hammer blows. The galleries, crowded to the doors, cheered the picturesque fight of the grizzled old veteran, until the fretted ceiling rang. The conferees defended their course as best they could and Mr. Foss, acting chairman of the committee, resented with bitter language the charge that he had betrayed the house. Hot words were bandied back and forth, but the house was in an ugly mood and was resolved to fight the senate to a finish.

The appointment as conferees of Mr. Cannon, Mr. Moody and Mr. Shafroth, all of whom are in sympathy with the house's position, assures no surrender on their part until the house itself shall direct them to yield. When the house re-convened at 8 o'clock, Mr. Cannon, chairman of the appropriations committee, attempted to make a statement relative to appropriations for this Congress, but Mr. Lents interposed an objection. He was as obdurate as he had been all day, refusing his consent unless the Couer d'Alene testimony was ordered printed.

At 8:30 p. m., Mr. Foss presented the final report on the naval appropriation bill. A compromise had been effected on the provision relative to ocean surveys which appropriated \$50,000 for hydrographic surveys while the house recoiled from its provision abolishing the two years sea course for naval cadets, but secured an amendment to the present law to permit an appointment from each congressional district every four years. Mr. Foss said the senate conferees had absolutely insisted upon the provision relative to ocean surveys.

Mr. Cannon, who had led the fight against ocean surveys under the direction of the navy department, was not satisfied with the agreement reached by the conferees. He declared it was reached in the teeth of the specific instructions of the house. He should ask the house to reject the conference report. Mr. Moody, (Mass.), vigorously demanded that the report should be rejected. The question at issue, he said, was whether a coterie of naval officers or the house was supreme.

"Shall we," he asked, indignantly, "get down on our knees to these bureau officers because our conferees have proved unfaithful to their trust? We should teach them the lesson they deserve." (Applause.)

Mr. Cannon told how members had been bombarded by letters and telegrams in the interest of this hydrographic work. He had suspected that they were prompted from the navy department and had called on the secretary for all letters sent out there on the subject. The secretary had replied that there was nothing.

"I knew that letter was a falsehood in substance," continued Mr. Cannon, "that is wrong language, but I afterward was able to prove that the secretary as well as the house had been imposed on by the bureau of equipment." Mr. Cannon moved that the house non-concur in the contested items and send them back to conference, which was agreed to. There was a buzz of surprised comment as the speaker announced an entirely new set of conferees on behalf of the house—Cannon, Moody and Shafroth—representing the most determined opposition to the senate's action.

THE HON. BLACKBURN B. DOVENER,
The Republican Candidate for Congress.

Republicans of the First congressional district. Four times nominated and three elected—he now has another re-nomination and will be elected as sure as fate next November, by a good rousing majority, for the fourth time.

The convention goes on record as one of the largest in point of attendance, and certainly it was the warmest gathering of its kind ever held in this district. The contest between Messrs. Dovener and Campbell for the nomination had become rather too intense on both sides, and their respective supporters showed a degree of ill feeling toward each other on the floor of the convention that, while unfortunate, will have no ill effects upon the candidate or the party at large in the coming campaign. After the nomination had been made everybody got together and enthused for the nominee and pledged him their earnest support. Mr. Jasper Bradley, Judge Campbell's principal lieutenant, informed the Intelligence within a few minutes after the adjournment of the convention that he was first of all a Republican—a few minutes later one of the Dovener badges was conspicuous upon his coat lapel. And so it was with the rank and file all along the line—differences of the very recent past are relegated to the rear for good and all, and will be heard of only in the columns of the "leading Democratic newspapers in West Virginia," as Democrats derisively designated the Register.

The big fight in the convention was on the report of the committee on credentials. The committee was composed of fair-minded men who went about their work determined to deal fairly with both interests in the convention, and this they did and should receive the commendation of all good Republicans of the district. Not only did the committee give seats in the convention to the Campbell claimants from Richland district, in Ohio county, where no delegates were regularly elected, but it granted the Braxton "irregulars" a thorough and impartial investigation and decided in the only way in which the matter could be settled fairly, and also set aside what has become rather a precedent in the First district by allowing proxies when presented by residents from the district in which the delegate was elected.

On the floor of the convention, Mr. Bradley brought up the alleged irregularities in Clay district, Ohio county, claiming that nine or ten white men had over-riden fifty or sixty colored voters; but for what purpose was not known exactly, as there was no contesting delegation from Clay. This act of Bradley's precipitated a tremendous uproar in the convention, lasting fully half an hour without result, until finally Chairman Joseph C. Brady, of the credentials committee, demanded the previous question and it carried by a vote representing practically the Dovener and Campbell strength respectively. This test vote insured Dovener's nomination by a majority over 100—as mat-

6 o'clock this evening, and it was expected that Wheeling would be reached before 1 o'clock in the morning. The Harrison, Doddridge, Wetzel, Tyler and Pan Handle delegations were all aboard the train, which made the trip to and from the convention town pleasant and quick. E. M. A.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE
Meets and Selects the Temporary
Officers of the Convention.

From a Staff Correspondent.

WESTON, June 6.—The congressional committee met in the opera house at 10 o'clock this morning. Chairman S. G. Smith presiding. The following members were present: Brooke, C. B. Scott; Braxton, W. F. Morrison; Doddridge, J. T. Carter; Hancock, F. L. Bradley; Harrison, S. L. Denham; Gilmer, J. S. Brannon; Lewis, C. B. Goodwin; Marshall, O. C. Williams; Ohio, Hugo L. Loos; Wetzel, Andrew Doan; Tyler's member, O. W. O. Hardman, was not present.

The following temporary officers for the convention were chosen:

Temporary Chairman—Perry A. Shanon, of Tyler county.

Temporary Secretary—V. L. Highland, of Harrison county.

Sergeant-at-arms—J. S. Vandervort, of Weston.

Rev. Mr. Robinson, pastor of the Weston Methodist Episcopal church, was selected to open the convention with prayer.

The following resolution, introduced by Mr. Scott, of Brooke, was passed unanimously by the committee:

Resolved, That the chairman of this committee is directed to recognize as prima facie delegates to this convention those holding credentials duly certified by the officers of the county committees or conventions regularly called to select delegates and certified as correct by the officers of said conventions or county committees, or certified by congressional committeemen from his county.

Ohio county declined to seek any of the honors in the way of convention organization plums. R. M. A.

OHIO COUNTY DELEGATION

Meets and Chooses Its Representa-
tives on the Committees.

From a Staff Correspondent.

WESTON, June 6.—The Ohio county delegation met at 10 o'clock this morning in the Bailey house parlor and decided upon the county's representation on the convention committees. E. Buckman, of Washington district, was elected chairman of the delegation, and John Arbes, Jr., secretary. The committeemen chosen are the following:

Credentials—Joseph C. Brady, of Triadelphia district.

Resolutions—James P. Maxwell, of Madison district.

Permanent Organization—Jacob Snyder, of Washington district.

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